



March 6, 2025

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Underground Slaughter, LLC, Est. MP51351
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Attention: Mr. Larry Masters, Plant Owner

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE

This letter serves as official notification by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of its decision to place the February 21, 2025, suspension action in abeyance at Underground Slaughter, LLC, Est. MP51351, located at 6821 Franks Ferry Road, Walling, Tennessee 38587. Dr. Kermit Harvey, Deputy District Manager, notified you/Underground Slaughter, LLC, Mr. Larry Masters, Plant Owner, verbally of this decision on March 6, 2025.

Previously, on February 21, 2025, FSIS issued Underground Slaughter, LLC, a Notice of Suspension (NOS), which informed you that FSIS was taking action to withhold the marks of inspection and suspend inspection services, in accordance with Title 9 Code of the Federal Regulations (CFR) Rules of Practice 500.3(b), for Underground Slaughter, LLC's Slaughter Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) process.

Between February 21, 2025, and March 5, 2025, FSIS received your responses to the NOS, which identified corrective and preventative actions Underground Slaughter, LLC has taken or will take to ensure compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. After careful review of this matter, FSIS is placing the suspension action in abeyance.

During this abeyance period, FSIS will conduct inspection and verification activities, as described in the enclosed Verification Plan (VP). The VP is designed to assist FSIS inspection personnel in verifying that Underground Slaughter, LLC has fully implemented the proposed corrective actions and demonstrated their effectiveness in ensuring continued statutory and regulatory compliance. FSIS will verify each corrective and preventive action, including whether Underground Slaughter, LLC meets any deadlines associated with its proposed actions.

Note: Any changes to your proposed and accepted corrective actions dated February 21, 2025, to March 5, 2025, must be submitted in writing to the District Manager for prior approval.

Please be advised that failure to effectively execute the conditions of this abeyance action or additional noncompliance with the requirements of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*), and the regulations promulgated thereunder may result in further enforcement action by FSIS,

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including withholding the marks of inspection or suspending inspection services at Underground Slaughter, LLC or other appropriate action.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dr. Larry Davis, District Manager, by telephone at (601) 863-4206 or by electronic mail at larry.davis4@usda.gov. Additionally, you can contact the Jackson District Office at (601) 965-4312 or by fax at (601) 965-5901.

Sincerely,

LARRY DAVIS

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Dr. Larry Davis
District Manager

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